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UNESCO	-	United National Education Science and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	-	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNICEF	-	United Nations Children's and Emergency Fund
WCARRD	-	World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development
WIB	-	Women in Business
WFP	-	World Food Programme
WSSG	-	Women's Studies and Support Group

INTRODUCTION

The Women's Research Collective

The Women's Research Collective (WRC), a voluntary women's organization was established in 1983 by some women mostly academicians, from the National University of Lesotho. The group was formed to build capacity and promote local research on gender issues, as well as arouse awareness of women's valuable role in the Basotho society. In order to realise its goals, the Collective has since undertaken various projects among them the production of annotated bibliography of women in Lesotho. The compilation of the first edition of the *Women in Lesotho, Annotated Bibliography* by S. Lewis, M. Molapo, and B. Sexwale in 1984 was viewed as a starting point towards the group's objective to facilitate a resource guide and to serve as a reference tool for research material on women in Lesotho. The second edition published in 1990 was compiled by Nkabinde, Mapetla and Chadzingwa. This production is the third edition. All editions maintain the same purpose to provide information on published and unpublished literature on women in Lesotho.

The Purpose of the Bibliography

The objectives of this bibliographic series remain the same as being to:

1. identify the quantity and nature of available research on Basotho women;

2. provide researchers with a review of existing data sources and analysis for undertaking their research efforts;

3. provide a basis for determining future research efforts by making completed studies accessible;

4. encourage Basotho women to undertake research on the status, attitude, concerns, needs and struggles of their sisters, by introducing them to the multitude of misconceptions about them in the literature;

5. enhance and expand the literature in women's studies;

6. provide data analysis for informing and improving policies and laws relating to women in Lesotho;

7. contribute to an accurate articulation of the problems and aspirations of Basotho women and thereby contribute to the Basotho women's struggle for equality and liberation.

To date the demand for this bibliography, both nationally and internationally, has been quite significant. Therefore, it is the conviction of the Collective that this undertaking is necessary to inform and facilitate research activity in women studies, and promote greater awareness and consciousness of the role and value of women, gender and their relationship with men in the history, culture and development of Lesotho. It is expected that this increased consciousness will lead to legal, economic, social, and political improvement in the quality of the lives of Basotho women and their men.

The Scope of the Bibliography

There are two hundred and six (206) new items contained in the bibliography. Entries include journal articles, conference/workshop/seminar papers and proceedings, speeches, working papers, surveys and evaluation reports, official government documents, published and unpublished articles, draft manuscripts, books, as well as graduate and undergraduate dissertations of students of the National University of Lesotho and other Universities. It is important to note that the unpublished undergraduate dissertations from NUL form a relatively big part of the bibliography. Although the majority of them tend to be descriptive and exploratory in nature, they provide useful background information for future scholarly work.

Bibliographical Format

The bibliographical entries are arranged numerically and alphabetically according to author, compiler or issuing agency. A brief annotation is provided for each one, except in cases where the article was not obtainable. A subject index and author index are also provided at the end of the text for ease of reference.

Location

Since the WRC does not yet have an office, ISAS Documentation Centre remains the depository and custodian of the Collective's material. Therefore most of the items collected for the second and third editions are available at ISAS.

Unfortunately items collected during the first edition were not deposited at ISAS most of them were not located.

The compilation of the fourth edition to update researchers on new acquisitions will start as soon as funds permit.

M. Moshoeshoe-Chadzingwa
and
M. Mapetla

1. **ANONYMOUS**

Lesotho Women and Health Awareness Seminar Report. Maseru, 1990. 18 + 2p.

Reports on a seminar conducted as a strategy to inform the public and policy-makers about important issues concerning women and health. Contains summaries of presentations on several issues, mainly highlighting risks to women and to which women are able to make family planning decisions; and traditional medical practices and how they affect women; STDs, cancer and AIDS; it further examines legal framework in Lesotho and awareness on AIDS, particularly the institutions which govern women and health and the need for community involvement in health research. Concludes with a commitment to addressing the issues further through formulation of action plans.

2. **ANONYMOUS**

Report: Seminar Workshop on Sensitization on Policy Makers, Planners on the Realistic Roles of Poor Women in Rural and Pre-Urban Areas in Africa. Maseru 23 Sept. 1 Oct. 1992. 112p.

Gives details of the seminar at which were examined the realistic roles of poor women as economic producers and family supporters. Practical sessions were held on

204. VAN DER WERF, Ineke

Agriculture and Women in Development Project Planning in Lesotho. 1990. 9p + 27.

Discusses the background of Lesotho's land use with regard to land cultivation, labour migration and trade. Emphasises the role of women in agriculture and how they can contribute towards successful project planning.

205. ZIEGAHN, L.; T. MATHAFENG, P. MOLEKO; M. MOFOKENG; M. KHITSANE, M. MOROLONG, N. LECHESA, D. BETZ.

Case Study - Boiteko Lekhalong-La-Baroa (Knitting Group). Paper presented at a Conference on Income Generation Conducted by the Lesotho Distance Teaching Centre, 4 - 8 February 1985 at the Hotel Victoria in Maseru. [n.p.]

Assesses the successes and failures of the Group which received a loan to buy two passap knitting machines and then participated in the LDTC short course called Intensive Training Model. Indicates that the Group did not do well as some of the other groups. Details the Group's future plans and lessons learnt by LDTC.

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